

Washington- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-Lakewood) issued this statement following passage of Chairman James Sensenbrenner's Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 in the House Judiciary Committee this afternoon.

"I am very disillusioned with the passage of Chairman Sensenbrenner's bill in the House Judiciary Committee this afternoon. This bill only offers sound bytes, not real solutions. It is a direct and unjust attack against immigrants in this country.

You would think we would have learned from the last twenty years of short-sighted, enforcement-only immigration legislation that has resulted in the largest illegal population in our nation's history. Yet, Mr. Sensenbrenner's bill does more of the same. We should know by now that enforcement only doesn't work.

Republicans missed a critical chance today to seriously and comprehensively reform our very broken and backlogged immigration system. This country needs comprehensive immigration reform—border security PLUS interior enforcement and a path to legalization."

Congresswoman Sánchez is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and is serving her second term in the United States House of Representatives.